

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, - August 3-**Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81; Mt 14:13-21  
 8:00 a.m. Brentwood Lockard  
 3:00 p.m. Raymond Lombardi (Mass at Golden Living Center)

**Tuesday, - August 4-**Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51; Mt 14:22-36  
 8:00 a.m. Eleanor Lovell

**Wednesday, -August 5-**Nm 13:1-2,14:1,26-29a,34-35;Ps 106;Mt 5:21-28  
 8:00 a.m. Clark Brumbley

**Thursday, -August 6-**Dn 7:9-10,13-14; Ps 97;2 Pt 1:16-19;Mk 9:2-10  
 8:00 a.m. John Edward Larkin, II

**Friday, -August 7-**Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77; Mt 16:24-28  
 8:00 a.m. Aurele, Mary and Gary Barbin

**Saturday, -August 8-**Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18; Mt 17:14-20  
 8:00 a.m. Katie O'Brien  
 4:30 p.m. Larry McBee

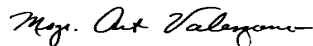
**Sunday, -August 9-**1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34; Eph 4:30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51  
 7:15 a.m. Edward and Mary Katkish  
 8:45 a.m. Mike Hart  
 10:30 a.m. Richard M. Baeder  
 12:15 p.m. Vincent and Rosario Maranto  
 3:30 p.m. Nicholas Polinsky  
 6:00 p.m. Parishioners of St. John

## FROM THE PASTOR

At his installation Mass Archbishop O'Brien spoke of three issues that he would emphasize: the sanctity of human life, vocations to the priesthood and religious life and the city of Baltimore. Last week, as part of his vocation awareness program the Archbishop hosted a dinner in our rectory for 21 young men ages from high school to college. Paul Gallagher our Director of Religious Education and Kenn de Moll our Youth Minister coordinated the event along with Father Jerry Francik, the Vocation Director for the Archdiocese. Father Hector cooked the meal, there were no leftovers! The Archbishop shared his personal vocation story and invited Hamilton Okeke (our summer seminarian), Father Adam Parker (his priest secretary), Father Hector, and me tell the story of our paths to the priesthood. Father Michael Roach, our neighboring pastor and professor at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary also joined us for what turned out to be a most delightful evening.

After a time for prayer in our Adoration Chapel, the Archbishop then met with the parents to answer questions about the seminary and the formation process. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood, religious life and lay ministries in the Church.

May God Bless you,



## LITURGY WORSHIP

### PERPETUAL ADORATION UPDATE...

St. John Vianney once compared adoration to spiritual sunbathing. You are taking in the warmth of the grace and love radiating from the Sacred Host. Find one hour in the week when you can share in the warmth of Our Lord's abiding love.

Our goal is to have two or more scheduled adorers per hour. We currently have many hours with only one scheduled adorer. Please consider making one of them your own special hour with the Lord by calling Agnes at the parish center at 410-876-2248 Ext. 219.

**SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE:** Our summer Mass schedule is as follows: There will be only one Mass celebrated each weekday morning during the months of July and August. Mass will be at 8:00 a.m. Monday thru Friday. There will be no First Friday Masses at 7 p.m. during July and August. There is no change to the Mass schedule on Saturday or Sunday. Please make a note of these changes.

## WE PRAY ...

**WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE** of Debbie Dozier, James Russell, Sr. and Fr. Joseph Kitko and for their families and friends.

**WE ASK YOUR PRAYERS** for all who are home bound or in nursing homes and for all the sick, especially Erin Dean, Karen Feroli, Joseph Notich, Rosina Pantaleo, Doub Eby, Anne Juliette, Cheryl Piazza, Mary Ford Naill, Joseph Kase, Mary Belesky, Abbie Griffin, Charlotte Hoffman, Ray Fendlay, Richard Sweeney, Baby Wesley Mark Kohlhepp, and Mary Kay Duex.

**BAPTISMS:** Congratulations and welcome to Bradyn Pearce Belschner, son of Jessica and Joseph Belschner, Jr.; and Thomas Jacob Scott, son of Julia and Vibart Scott.

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## STEWARDSHIP

**WEEKLY OFFERING:** Weekend of July 25-26, 2009

Envelopes:	\$20,451.73	Attendance:	2,769
Loose:	\$ 4,303.45	Poor Box:	\$1,649.80
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$24,755.18</b>		

This year's budget is based on a weekly offering of \$30,500.00  
 Our current weekly average is \$27,675.87.

Please remember St. John when formulating your will.

### STATUS OF MORTGAGE:

Beginning Balance: 07/01/09	\$1,588,083
Paid:Interest	\$8,271
Principal	\$17,362
Interest Charged	8,272
<b>Ending Balance 08/01/09</b>	<b>\$1,570,722</b>

**NOTICE:** Use Mortgage Fund Envelopes for second collection on last Sunday of the month to reduce the mortgage.

**SECOND COLLECTION...** There will be a second collection this weekend **August 1-2** for the Catholic Communications Campaign and Catholic University of America.

**FACILITY BUILDING DRIVE...**Please help us reach our goal of \$50,000 for the storage facility building. Donation cards available in the church and parish center.

## SCHOOL NEWS

**STILL UNDECIDED?** There is an open seat for the upcoming school year, a challenging and supportive environment and a loving Catholic family community available to you at St. John School. Call or email our Principal, Harriann Walker at 410-876-7228 (ext. 229) or email [hwalker@sjwest.org](mailto:hwalker@sjwest.org) for more information

**INNISBROOK ON-GOING FUNDRAISER:** Check out the website for gift giving ideas. The school receives 50% of all sales. Shop at [www.innisbrook.com](http://www.innisbrook.com). Our school ID is # 122169.

**GIFT CARDS:** Do you shop at Giant/Martins, Super Fresh, Shoppers, Weis, Boscov's or Kohl's? You can purchase gift cards through St. John at face value and we receive a 5% return on each card! These cards do not expire and can be used in other states. Cards are available for purchase at St. John School on Wednesdays during the summer months from 8 a.m.-2:00 p.m. You can also participate in eScript by registering your Safeway card annually, returning a percentage to us. Also register your Target or Target Visa card for a 1% return profit to St. John School (ID#7784). Register on line or call 800-316-8142. For more information call the school office at 410-876-7228 or Darlene at 410-876-7031.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**CHURCH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE...**St. John has been asked to once again hold formation sessions *beginning Sept. 26th*. The first eight week program will focus on Theology for Ministry, *all sessions will take place on Saturdays from 9-11:30 a.m. in the Parish Center*. This is a cost for this program. To register, please call Pat Ashby at 410-547-5470.

**FALL BIBLE STUDIES...**Beginning in September, we will be offering two new Bible Studies. "Praying the Scriptures" will provide participants with a wonderful opportunity to go deeper in prayer using Sacred Scripture. The study of the Gospel of Matthew will kick off a two year study of the Gospels. More information on these two studies, which will be offered concurrently, will be available in August.

**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY...**Beginning this fall, our parish will be doing a seven week Bible Study called "Praying the Scriptures." We would like to see if there are any young adults (18-35) interested in forming a small group to meet here in the Parish Center. If you are interested, email Paul ([pgallagher@sjwest.org](mailto:pgallagher@sjwest.org)) with days/times that work best for you.

## Religious Ed./Youth Activities

Religious Education Office: (410) 848-8443

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you have not registered your first grader for Religious Ed, please do so as soon as possible. Your child will need to complete first grade before entering 2nd grade (preparation for Reconciliation and Eucharist).

**Parents of 2nd graders:** If your child was in a Religious Ed program for first grade and you have *not yet registered* them for the upcoming sacramental year, please do so as soon as possible.

**HOME STUDY TEACHERS...**There will be a separate teacher meeting for all home study teachers on *Wednesday, Sept. 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Therese Room*. Please make every attempt to attend. There are some new expectations for the coming year.

**ATTENTION ALL CATECHISTS...**Our beginning of the year teacher meeting will be held on *Saturday, Sept. 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Portico*. All new and returning catechists are expected to attend.

**START DATES FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION...**Please note that if we did not call you, you can assume that you were given your first choice as indicated on your registration form.

**Home Study Parent Meeting (1st session)...***Wed., Sept. 9th at 6:45 p.m. in the Portico*. All home study parents must attend to pick up books and lessons for your child. First class for students will be Wed., Oct. 7th—6:45-8:00 p.m.

**SUNDAY SESSION: Parent meeting—9:00 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 20th in the Portico.**

Classes begin: Sunday, Sept. 27th at 9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

**TUESDAY CLASSES: Parent meeting—Tues., Sept. 22 at 4:30 p.m. or 6:45 p.m. in the Portico.**

Classes begin: Tues., Sept. 29th at 4:30-5:45 p.m. and 6:45-8:00 p.m.

**THURSDAY CLASSES: Parent meeting—Thurs., Sept. 24th at 4:30 p.m. in the Portico.**

Classes begin: Thurs., Oct. 1st at 4:30 -5:45 p.m.

**STAND TRAINING...Thursday, August 13th**

*All volunteers from all parish ministries, school and Religious Ed need to be STAND trained as mandated by the Archdiocese of Baltimore. The volunteer screening process began in the fall of 2003 and must be renewed every five years. STAND TRAINING is scheduled for the following date:*

**Thurs., Aug. 13 – 7 p.m. – Portico**

On the bottom of your Policy Compliance Verification Card you will find the date that the card expires. If you have any questions regarding whether or not you need to be recertified please call George Hinkel at 410-848-4744 x249. *This procedure is a mandate from the Archdiocese and there will be no exceptions for any volunteer in order to comply.*

## THE EDGE — (Grades 6, 7 & 8) —

We meet the 2nd and 4th Sunday every month from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Newcomers are welcome!

**Aug. 9**—We are going to have *EGG WARS*. Yes, bring all of your friends, the Edge is going to have a messy, crazy eggy night with egg relays, battles and more. Make sure to bring an extra pair of clothes in case it gets eggy!!

**Aug. 14** —The Edge is going to the *Orioles game for FREE!* There are a minimum amount of spots available so please contact Mandy Komar quickly if you want to enjoy your own EDGE Orioles game. We will be heading to Camden Yards on *Friday evening about 4 p.m.* and arriving home around 11 p.m. Liability forms are a must, but it's free so you don't want to miss it! To reserve a spot email or call Mandy at [mkomar@sjwest.org](mailto:mkomar@sjwest.org). or call 410-848-8443.

**FALL RETREAT...October 16-17...** We have booked the dates for **THE EDGE** Fall Retreat!!! Come and join us for a camp fire, praise & worship, fun, games and prayer! The cost is \$45.00 a person and it will be an overnight at Camp Hashawa from October 16-17! Just a check and a liability/release form is all we need. Registration forms will be available soon. Email Mandy at [mkomar@sjwest.org](mailto:mkomar@sjwest.org). if you have any questions.

— **LIFE TEEN (Grades 9 -12)** —

Life Teen is a High School Youth Ministry that meets every 1st, 2nd and 4th Sunday at 7:15 p.m. in the cafeteria. On the 3rd Sunday we meet in the Portico. Newcomers are welcome!

**Aug. 2– Twin Kiss...Ice cream rules!** That’s why we’re walking down to Twin Kiss this night. Bring some cash for your ice cream!

**Aug. 9– Tarzan Ball...**You’ve played kick ball right? Well, what happens when you add Tarzan to a normal game of kick ball? You get Tarzan ball! Don’t miss this fun game night!

**Aug. 16– Luau**—Summer is not complete without a luau party. We’ll have food, drinks and of course, wacky luau party games!

**August 30 —Laser Tag...LIFE TEEN** is bringing in a laser tag company for you to play here! They set up the barriers, you strap on your gear and your two handed laser gun and play the night away! The cost is only \$10 and you need a special liability form for this event. Call Kenn at 410-848-8443 to sign up!

**CONFIRMATION SERVICE PROJECTS...** Our summer service projects are now full. We will have a new round of projects available on line by September 14th for those who weren’t able to complete their project. For more information on these projects and to sign up, call Kenn at 410-848-8443.

## ACTIVITIES IN OUR PARISH

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD** is seeking additional volunteers. If you are able to help with our ministry one Sunday each month or need more information please call Nancy at 410-876-2173.

**RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY** is now accepting donations of household items, small furniture, lamps, pictures, toys, games, etc. for our white elephant sale this September. (**NO CLOTHES OR SHOES**). Keep us in mind when you clean out your attic, basement and closets this summer. Call Betty Belk at 410-848-9391 to arrange pick-up or drop-off of items.

**ST. JOHN MEN’S FELLOWSHIP GROUP...Sunday, Aug. 2**  
Men of St John join us and bring a friend on Aug. 2nd at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Luke Room as we explore the Catechism with Fr. John Corapi. For details contact Dr. Paul Forst at [docforst@aol.com](mailto:docforst@aol.com) or Dan Lech at [dclech@verizon.net](mailto:dclech@verizon.net).

### LADIES SODALITY...Sunday, August 9

The Ladies Sodality of St. John Parish will attend the 8:45 a.m. Mass as a group. After Mass we will recite the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. All members of the parish are invited to join in the recitation of the Rosary after Mass. All women of the parish 18 years of age or older are invited to join the Sodality. For information call Carolyn Keiner at 410-848-4563.

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP...Sunday, August 9

This spiritually based ministry is for those grieving the loss of a loved one. We meet in the Parish Center from 10:00-11:30 a.m. **No registration required.** For details call Janet Tenney at 410-833-1542.

### HOMESCHOOL MEETING...Monday, August 3

Considering homeschooling? If you are currently homeschooling, or are considering homeschooling, St. John Homeschool Group is a wonderful support. If you are not on our contact list and would like to be called, email Theresa Greene at [treegreene@comcast.net](mailto:treegreene@comcast.net) or call 410-876-9578. Our registration meeting is scheduled for **Monday, August 3rd at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center.**

### FREE MOVIE NIGHT...Wednesday, August 19

The Knights of Columbus, Westminster Council 1393 is sponsoring **“The Bible in the Beginning”** a FREE Family Movie night presentation starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Portico. The running time of this epic movie is 172 minutes. This astounding film depicts the first 22 chapters of Genesis. This is the spectacular story of man’s creation, his fall, his survival, his faith, the tower, the flood and much more. This movie, rated “G” may be too intense in several sequences for very young children. For information please contact Chuck Witte—410-875-2759.

### ALTAR SERVERS & MC FAMILY PICNIC...Sun, Aug. 23

The altar servers and MC annual picnic will be held from 12:30-6:30 p.m. at the Sparks Retreat House. There will be swimming, games and food. Information will be sent to you in the mail.

### MARRIAGE INVESTMENT DINNER...Friday, Sept. 18

Love is in the air! St. John Church invites you and your spouse to a Marriage Investment Dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Portico. Concerned about your family, your future, and your investments? It’s time to stop and take time to invest in your marriage! Enjoy a great dinner for two, a funny and sincere presentation of “The 5 Love Languages,” door prizes, family resource table and great fellowship with friends! Cost is just \$55.00 per couple. Table of 10 or portions of a table are available for your group. Register by contacting Betty Belk at 410-848-9391 or by mailing your check (payable to St. John Church) to Mrs. Betty Belk, 1680 Oats Dr., Finksburg, MD 21048. email: [bettybelk@gmail.com](mailto:bettybelk@gmail.com).

### CRAFTER’S FAIR & FLEA MARKET...Sat., Sept. 19

Knights of Columbus Council 1393 is looking for vendors for their 5th annual event being held on St. John parking lot from 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Vendors may set up at 5:30 a.m. Spaces 17x20 feet are \$35 each or 2 for \$60. More space can be arranged if requested in advance. Spots are pre-paid and non-refundable. No rain date. For information or to reserve space contact Mike Dvorak at [mak@dvorak.net](mailto:mak@dvorak.net), or Frederick Dvorak at 410-876-1292. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Knights of Columbus Charities.

## OUTREACH

### \* THE ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY \*

As the song goes “Summertime and the Living is Easy” but that is not the case if you are poor and cannot meet your bills or buy food for your family. Please continue to help by contributing to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

If you are interested in joining and helping with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, please contact Patty Terrano for more information at 410-857-1473, or visit our website at <http://www.sjwest.org/svdp/index.htm> or email us at [svdp@sjwest.org](mailto:svdp@sjwest.org).

## IN OUR COMMUNITY

### HEALING HEARTS DAY CAMP...Friday, August 21

Carroll Hospice is hosting a day camp for children ages 7-17 who are grieving the loss of a loved one from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Landon C. Burns Park (near the Ag. Center). Lunch will be provided. **Registration is required.** Call Kathy Bare at 410-871-7231 or Jessica Roschen at 410-871-7656.

## FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

### THEOLOGICAL DISCUSSION...Thursday, August 6

Fr. Dominique Peridan is hosting an evening of theological exploration on the book "The Shack," when tragedy confronts eternity, by Wm. Paul Young, at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Louis-Clarksville Parish Center. For information call 410-531-6040.

### A DAY FOR JOB SEEKERS ...Friday, August 14

Keep the Spirit Up-A Day for Job Seekers and Career Changers will be a day of spiritual refreshment and skill workshops to support job seekers and those in the midst of career change. The time is 9:00 a.m.—3:15 p.m. and there is **no charge** (donations appreciated). Seating is limited—reservations requested. Contact Bon Secours Spiritual Center in Marriottsville (410-442-3120) for more information.

### SILENT RETREAT...Aug.21-23

"Do Whatever He Tells You" a Silent Retreat sponsored by the Secular Carmelite Community of the Sacred Heart is being held at the Seton Retreat Center on August 21-23rd. Fr. Angelus Shaughnessy OFM Cap. is the retreat leader. The cost is \$175.00. Contact Dawn Walsh at [dwalsh33@gmail.com](mailto:dwalsh33@gmail.com) or 410-876-0250 for more information

## REMINDERS

### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS: HOLD THESE DATES:

(For information on any of these events, call the Parish Center)

**Aug. 2** -Men's Fellowship Group—7:30 p.m. -St. Luke Room

**Aug. 3**—Homeschool Meeting—7:00 p.m. Parish Center

**Aug. 9**—Ladies Sodality—8:45 a.m. Mass

**Aug. 9**—Bereavement Support Group 10 a.m. Parish Center

**Sept. 18**—Marriage Investment dinner— 6:30 p.m.—Portico

**Aug. 19**—Free Movie Night—6:30 p.m.—Portico

**Aug. 23**—Altar Servers Picnic-12:30 p.m.-Sparks Retreat Ctr.

**Sept. 19**—Kof C. Flea Market—7:00—3 p.m.— Parking Lot

**Oct. 9-10**—Illuminate Catholic Women's Conference

### THE PORTICO OF ST. JOHN BOOKS + GIFTS...

Our *summer store hours starting the week of June 1st*: are: Tuesday 12-5 p.m., Thursday 12-5 p.m., Saturday 12-6 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m.—2 p.m. **SPECIAL SUMMER SALE ENDS on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception!**

**THE PORTICO OF ST. JOHN** is a full banquet facility available for wedding receptions, rehearsal dinners, anniversary dinners, birthday parties, baptismal and communion parties, etc. With Wi-Fi capabilities you can also host your next business meeting in The Portico of St. John. Call Terry Jones at 410-848-4744 x216.

**HOW TO REGISTER at this PARISH:** All new parishioners or those who have never registered with the parish are invited to receive a welcoming packet from the Parish Office, Ushers, School, Religious Education, or Baptism Preparation Class. Welcome Sessions are held the **last Sunday** of each month **in the Portico at 10:00 a.m.**